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## Our Reason to Be



There are times and events that are so horrendous that they are unthinkable to have happened. Yes, events can be so unusual and or devastating that one can hardly imagine the scope and magnitude of the circumstance.

The earthquake in Haiti was such an event. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and its people live on the cutting edge of despair. It is inconceivable that life could be any more difficult for them! The Haitian people have endured the tyranny of dictatorship, the ravages of incessant poverty, stigma and ridicule by culturally biased persons.

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At times like this, it is incumbent that others embrace them and give unqualified support. The compassionate heart will give and sacrifice to demonstrate what the love of God truly is. Therefore, I am glad that our Church leaders and COGIC Charities are there to express the willingness to serve. The world has made a statement but the Church must speak out even more.

Do whatever you can to support the people of Haiti. Remember that Bishop C.H. Mason started the mission in Haiti during his tenure as leader. The Church has grown and the saints are loyal and committed to the mission of the Church Of God In Christ. Now it is time to demonstrate that as "Children of God," we recognize no borders or language barriers. "We are all in the family of God."

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By Eugene F. Rivers III - Senior Policy Advisor to the Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ

Throughout the broad sweep of human history spiritual and political crises may function to produce new leadership for a given generation. During such periods God raises up a leader to be a source of inspiration, conscience and witness. In the crucible of a great human tragedy God will call and anoint someone to be the singular voice of conscience for the voiceless, the widow and the orphan (James 1:27). As various historical examples frequently suggest this cross of defending the poor is rarely aspired to. Thus in the strictest sense of the word, it is a calling. Such a calling requires exceptional integrity, courage, and a wisdom which comes from above. The most obvious example that comes to mind is that of course of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. During the late fifties and sixties King was the singular voice of conscience for a season.

Throughout the sixties he waged a political struggle against the macro-structural forces that were arrayed against Black people, only dimly aware of the invisible principalities and powers which lay behind them. But by the end of the Civil Rights Movement, a new and deeper understanding of the spiritual nature of the struggle was required. By April 4, 1968, the day King died, we were witnessing the decline, within the Black Church, of a certain form of theological liberalism which no longer exhibited the philosophical

or political strength to inspire a younger generation who were already in revolt against the old vision. God had already begun to prepare a young man, a son of Pentecost, a **disciple of holiness** (Romans 12:1-2), to accept the mantle of King's legacy. This is the larger spiritual meaning of the site and substance of King's last sermon, preached at Mason Temple, Church Of God In Christ. In King's bidding farewell from the pulpit of the mother church of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit foreshadowed the transformation and transfer of the vision to the sons and daughters referred to in Joel 2:28: "I will pour out my spirit on all people [and] your sons and daughters will prophesy, [and] your old men will dream dreams, [and] your young men will see visions." It is as Robert M. Franklin, President of Morehouse College, observed a few years ago:

"Within the Black Church the nineteenth century was the age of the AME, the twentieth century was the age of the Baptists, and the twenty-first century will be the age of the Pentecostals."

Few denominations were more ill-prepared. It took forty years for the Holy Spirit to prepare the people to whom the mantle had been passed and to raise up the right man and prepare him for this task. It was a calling which would require the revolutionary power



Bishop Charles Blake, Sr. and First Lady



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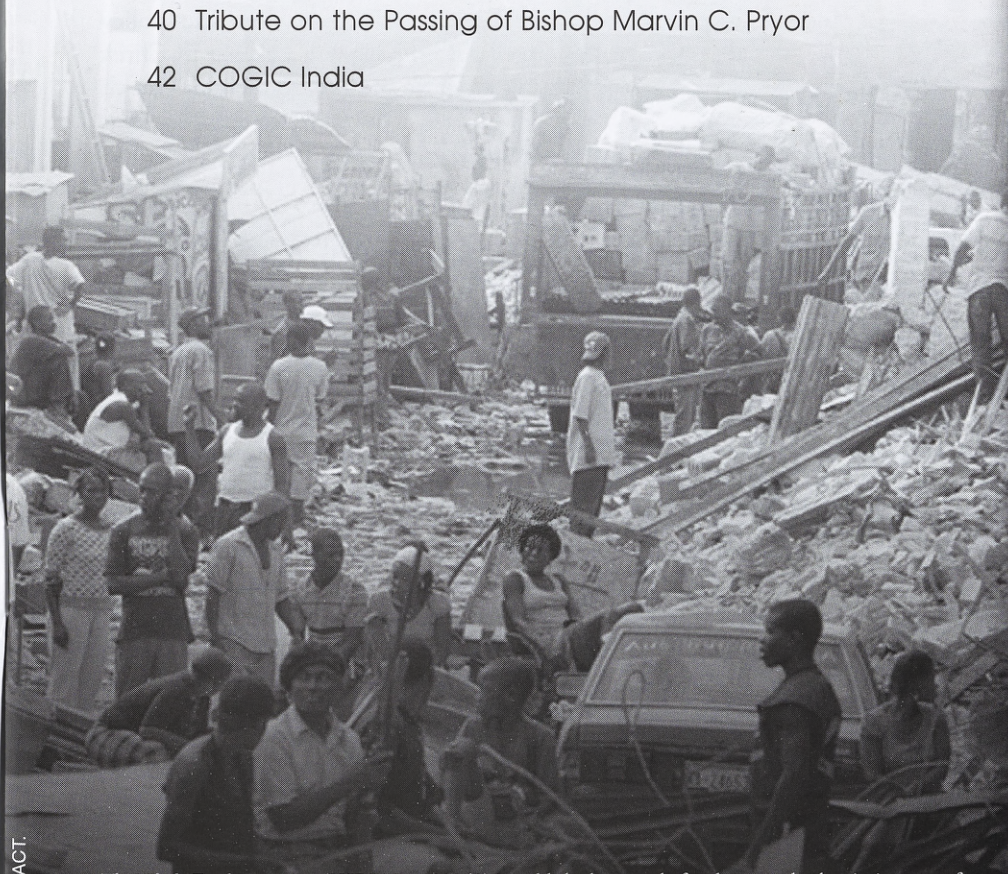


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of Pentecost with signs and wonders following to bring deliverance to the multitudes of Black people. During this period Black political life became increasingly secularized with the emergence of a class of Black elected officials. An unintended consequence of this development was that the class orientation of Black leadership, with its emphasis on integration shifted upwards. The logical result was the effective re-segregation of the urban Black poor as the Black middle and upper middle class evacuated the declining cities.

During this intervening period, a young minister by the name of Charles Edward Blake was quietly building his community-serving West Angeles Church Of God In Christ. Membership, originally 50 strong, exploded in the seventies and was accompanied by equally impressive ministerial growth and an extensive building project. West Angeles COGIC's ministries include the West Angeles Bible College, a full-time Counseling Department, and the West Angeles Christian Academy. As the number of Sunday morning services rose to four plus-a Sunday evening service, it was time, once again, to build. The first service held at the 5,000-seat West Angeles Cathedral was April 28, 2001, where the Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ, Bishop G.E. Patterson preached. Currently, membership at West Angeles Church Of God In Christ exceeds 22,000. The church has been recognized as one of the fastest growing churches in the nation, with more than eighty ministry and outreach programs including television and radio broadcasts.

The most prominent outreach service is the West Angeles CDC which was founded in early 1994 to expand the compassionate outreach and neighborhood development ministries of the church in the face of mounting problems of poverty and injustice in the surrounding community. The CDC is headed by Lula Ballton and focuses on the following areas: home ownership, small business development, real estate development, dispute resolution services and community services. As the developer of nearly \$50 million of real estate, and manager of nearly a dozen programs, the CDC's operating budget has grown from \$100 thousand in 1994 to nearly \$3 million in 2006.

These extraordinary achievements were, perhaps unbeknownst to Blake, simply a prelude. To properly understand the developmental trajectory of Blake's evolution from pastor of a Black Hollywood mega-church to the first post-Civil Rights successor to the King legacy, one must consider the larger historical context, both domestic and international. As the liberal protest wing of Black politics became increasingly disconnected from the day-to-day realities of the Black poor in the US and abroad, new ideas and models for reconstructing Black civil society were emerging among Black Pentecostals working in partnership with leading policy intellectuals. In the late nineties, like King in Montgomery, Blake

was approached by Pentecostal activists and intellectuals first because of his irreproachable moral character, secondarily because of his singular leadership abilities and finally because of the fact that among the Black clergy he was unique in being not only a pastor but also an intellectual. In early 1999, Bishop Blake with a team of intellectuals and activists, began in response to reports of an AIDS epidemic exploding in Africa, researching and organizing around the issue of the AIDS orphan crisis. This resulted in unprecedented media and governmental response which gave international prominence to the AIDS orphan crisis in Africa. **The supernatural power to identify and engage the principalities and powers at work in this holocaust (Ephesians 6:12) that was at Blake's disposal was the key transformation from the Civil Rights phase of the struggle under King.**

In 2001 after successfully increasing public awareness through education and advocacy among Black churches, Bishop Blake founded Save Africa's Children, a program of the Pan-African Children's Fund to provide concrete humanitarian support for 340 AIDS orphan-care projects in over 23 countries on the continent of Africa. This followed closely on the heels of Blake's initiative to educate and mobilize Black churches in the US to advocate for more humane foreign, trade and development policies in Africa.



Bishop Blake among the people

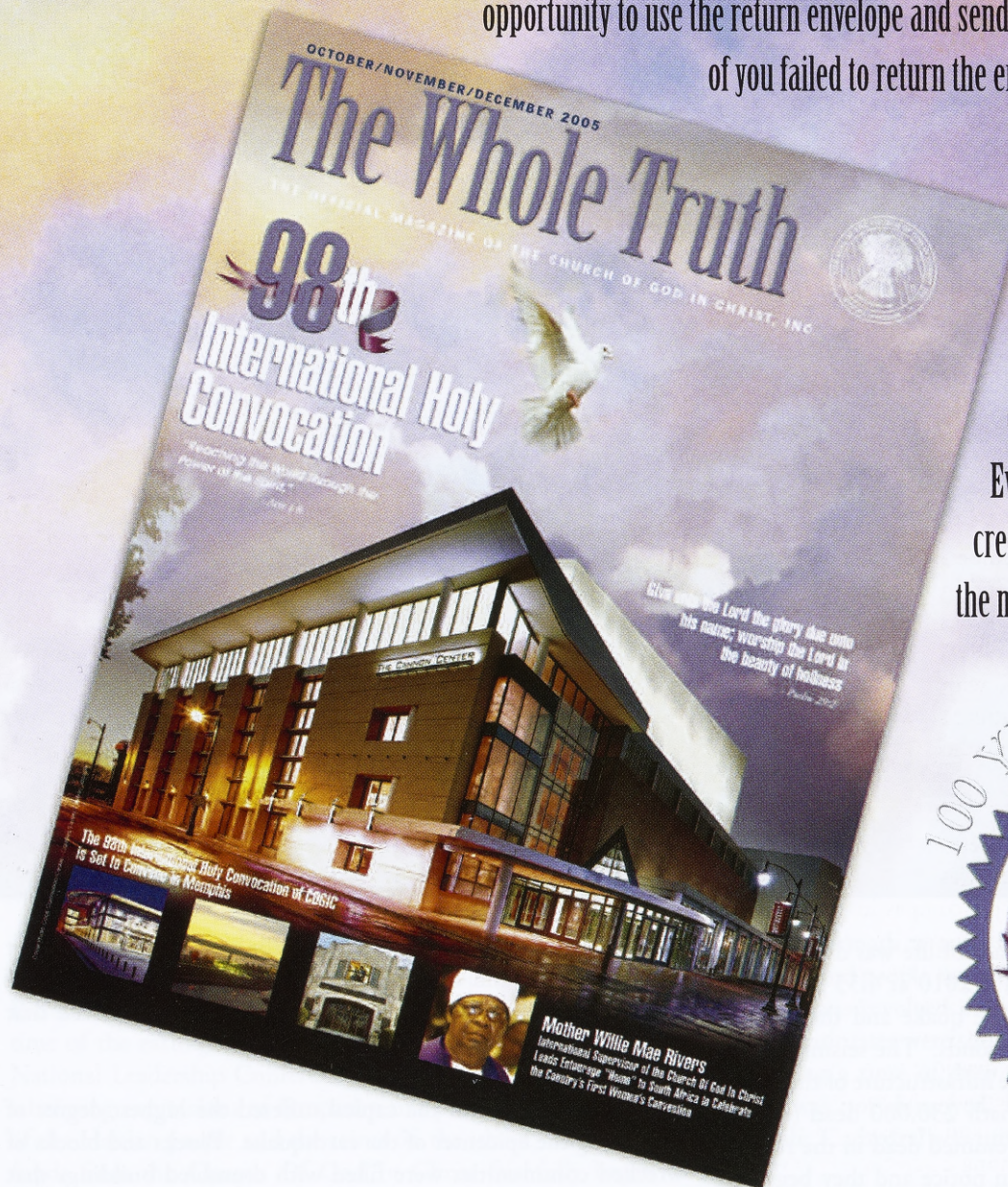
On April 4, 2008, Bishop Blake convened a Pan-African leadership summit to present an urban domestic policy agenda to the Church Of God In Christ in particular and the larger Black church in general. The plan was a five point urban initiative that consisted of mentoring, crime prevention, employment assistance, family and fatherhood skills and financial literacy programs. Once again, it is the combination of spiritual warfare and the commitment to social justice that brings new power to the Black Church's struggle on behalf of the Black poor.

In summary Charles Edward Blake has emerged as the new prophetic voice, or to quote the Reverend Al Sharpton, who spoke that night in Mason Temple, "not only is Bishop Blake the Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ, but he has emerged as the Prelate of Black America." Looking forward, Bishop Blake's achievement constitutes a model for a Pentecostal political theology of Christian Pan-Africanism. By expanding our understanding of holiness to include the Biblical concept of justice, and underlining the fundamental role of the power of Pentecost in achieving both, Bishop Blake is taking the church in a new direction. In bringing to bear the power of Pentecost on the issues of social injustice that confront Black people in the US and Africa, it is key that the Church embrace with new fervor the importance of personal holiness, living clean lives that will both affirm the witness of the Holy Spirit's work in us and provide spiritual armor against principalities and powers. It is into the potent manifestation of this tri-partite ministry of holiness, justice and supernatural gifts that Bishop Blake is called to lead us. ☪



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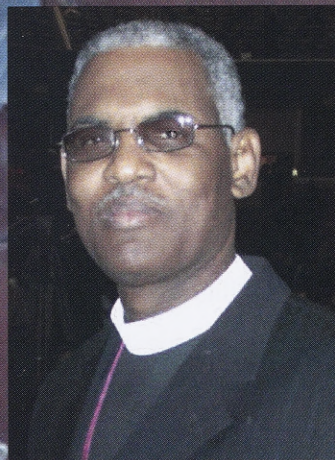


## It is not too late!



# Haiti Devastated By Earthquake

By Pastor Emmanuel John



Pastor Emmanuel John

Photo by Paul Jeffrey/ACT.

**Port Au Prince, Haiti** – The usual pace of life was disrupted in Haiti on a fateful Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 4:35 PM. The Island was shaken by a 7.3 magnitude quake and the Richter scale indicated the quake lasted 35 seconds. The seismic devastation was so horrific that it shook the infrastructure of the country to its core, leaving in the aftermath 230,000 dead (official report) and countless missing and presumed dead in the rubble. The nations of the world were set on notice and they began to response to what will prove to be one of the most terrifying events in nature.

The government of Haiti was destabilized and the surprise and the horror from the earthquake became recognized for what it truly was. It had been two centuries sense a quake of such devastation and it left the Isle in severe shock. The Haitian people surveyed the damage to find the National Palace, official residence of the president, stood in ruins. This proud symbol was built in 1918. The Palace of Justice where the Haitian Supreme Court was located was destroyed. Equally significant was the destruction of other governmental properties that were the nerve centre of government and business operations.

As the report came in from around the area it was clear that major hospitals and clinics were overwhelmed by the influx of dying and severally wounded persons. It was soon realized that international help would be necessary.

The business sector in the capital suffered the highest degree of loss, being the epicenter of the earthquake. Blocks and blocks of wrecked communities were filled with crumbled buildings that pancaked upon the victims. Approximately one third of the country's population of 8.9 million persons lives in the Port-Au-Prince area. When victims came to the business area to find basic supplies of meat, vegetables, drinking water, clothing and medicine they found only confusion and destruction.

In the residential areas, countless numbers of people were buried in the rubbles of their homes. In many cases the walls are standing as though there was no damage, but were collapsed internally, floor and ceiling, causing extreme death and anxiety. Entire families were killed or trapped in the rubble. Thousands and thousands of people were left homeless and in the western hemisphere's poorest country, the homeless persons have even more pain and brokenness to deal with.





The Church Of God In Christ has been in residence on the Island of Haiti for over 70 years. Bishop Lopez Dautruche, Prelate of the Jurisdiction of Haiti was in Miami, Florida at the time of the earthquake in route to Memphis, Tennessee for the National Leadership Conference. He was touched by the overwhelming expressions of sympathy and prayers for the suffering of the Haitian people and the saints on the island. Immediately, funds from the Church Of God In Christ faithfully began to pour in to help rescue and sustain the people. Little did Bishop Dautruche and the rest of us know about the unprecedented damage and casualties the nation sustained. For the record, the saints also sustained significant casualties and damage on the Island. At this time, the evidence is 103 members of the Church Of God In Christ perished in the earthquake. More than 600 sustained terrible wounds and will need prolonged medical care. Hundreds are homeless including several pastors. Thirty churches were totally destroyed and 18 others have profound structural damage. Five COGIC schools were utterly destroyed, 5 more sustained damage, including the C. H. Mason Elementary School. The orphanage and housing complex were severely damaged and the adjacent guest house was destroyed.

In the aftermath, a great spiritual revival has broken out in the country, and people are being saved by the thousands. The entire country was involved in the 3 day prayer and fasting and many major businesses were shut down, Friday to Sunday, (February 5-7) during a time of deep reflection. The National Church of Haiti was not destroyed, but around the corner the National Catholic Cathedral was utterly destroyed and its Bishop killed.

Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. received information about the destruction and went in to positive and meaningful action to help save people amid the disaster. As President of COGIC Charities, Bishop Blake has mobilized a tremendous outpour of love resulting in hundreds and thousands of dollars, needed medical supplies, and human support to the nation and the saints. The people of Haiti appreciate the demonstration of love from the saints, but can only say "Thank you." There is much, much more to be done. The buildings are down and the debris is being surveyed and removed. Daily the death toll grows, but life is starting to reemerge and the spirit of the Haitian people has found the resolve to move forward. ☺

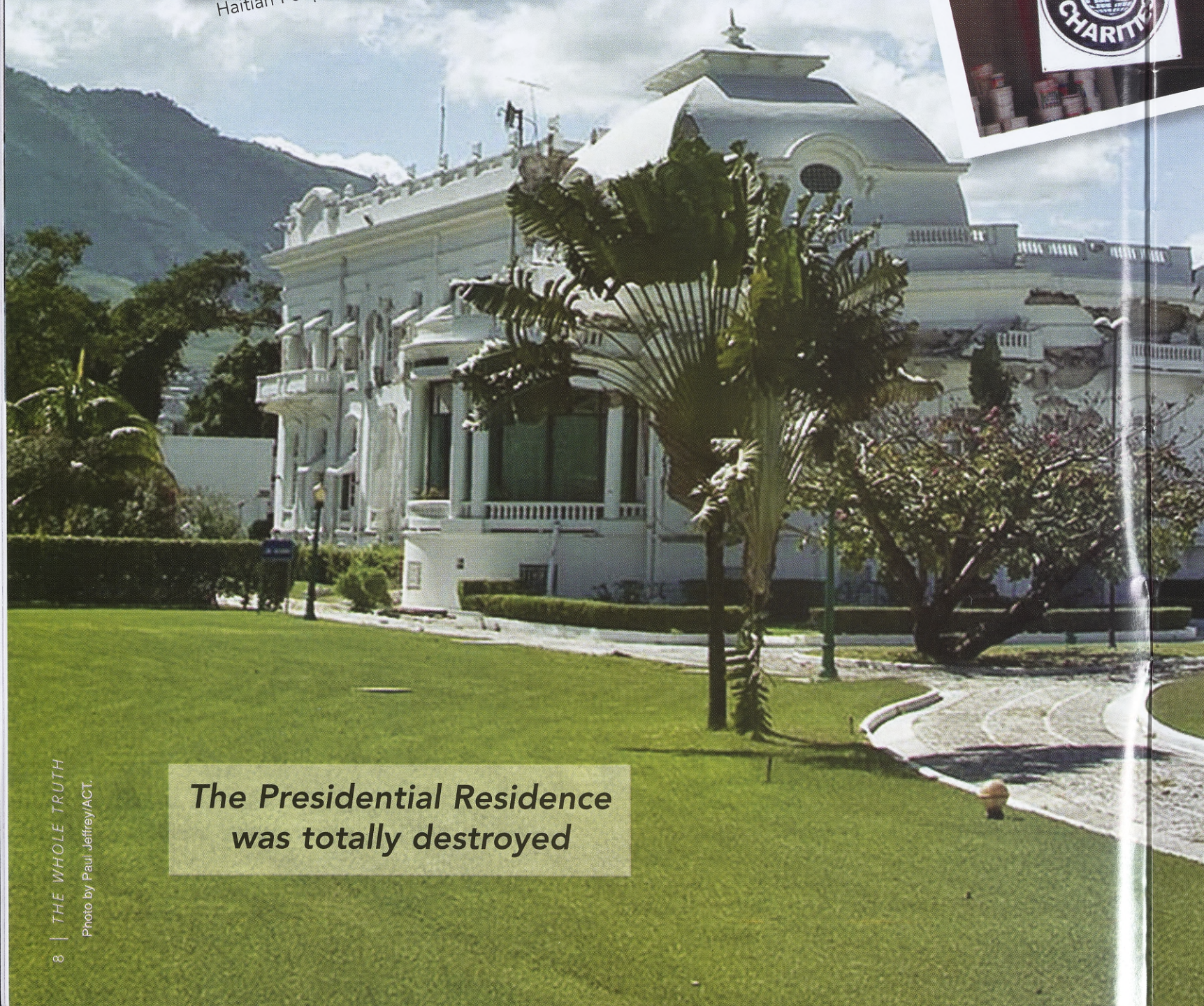




Haitian People attending Church Clinic



Doctor checking an ear infection

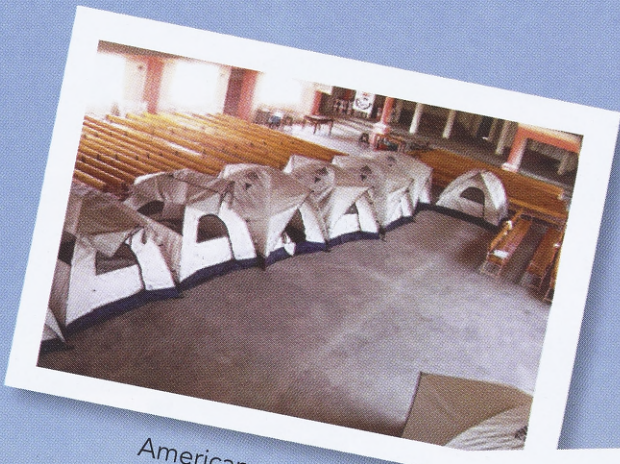


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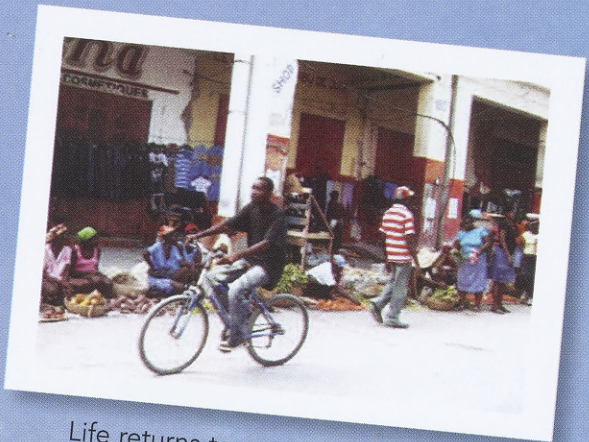




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banners  
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American saints  
slept in tents



Life returns to a more normal pace



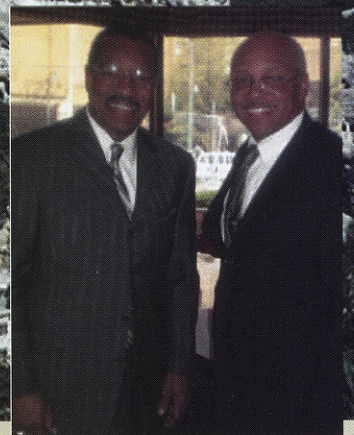
Port Au Prince  
Headquarters Church  
is now repaired





# Keep the Momentum of Caring and Sharing for Haiti! Part I

By John W. Penton, Sr.,



January 12, 2010 stunned the conscience of the entire world. Humanity from every geographical area of the globe responded to the cry of a nation in peril when the earth shook the very foundation of Haiti. The island nation of over 9 million was devastated by one of the greatest natural disasters of the new century. Countless persons were left homeless and the earthquake claimed the lives of over 200,000 people. COGIC Charities was one of the NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations) that responded with urgency just hours after the tragedy was reported. Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., President and Board Chairman of COGIC Charities summoned the COGIC Charities executive committee to strategize the Church Of God In Christ's official response.

Bishop Blake immediately designated Superintendent James Pullings, Jr. of New York City as the appointed person of COGIC Charities Disaster Relief. Elder Pullings has a long record of involvement on the island nation as a missionary. In this case he was dispatched to Haiti to ascertain a first hand assessment of the aftermath of the 7.0 earthquake. The epicenter hit 10 miles west of Port-Au-Prince, the nation's capital. Over 2 million inhabitants suffered untold misery in the quake and the many after shocks. Elders Pullings and Horrace Pritchett, a core advisor of the relief effort arrived in Haiti, January 27, via the neighboring country of the Dominican Republic. Commercial flights into Haiti were suspended. Nothing has been easy for the tandem. Communications were disrupted and many systems were utterly destroyed. Cell phones were not consistently working due to technical problems and the lack of accessibility of recharging stations for telephone batteries. Aide givers were limited to one call per day and that call was usually during the evening.

Elder Pullings stated, "I have never been in war, however, I have seen war pictures on TV, and this is worst than I could have ever imagined any devastation to be." There were dead bodies unburied and exposed to the elements for days. The anguish and despair of the living was etched in the faces of people as they discover the bodies of loved ones. He went on to describe, "It looked like a nuclear bomb had struck the city."

The two orphanages and many church buildings were destroyed in the Port-Au-Prince area. The Church Of God In Christ has sustained major loses in lives and buildings that were bedrock in the mission ministry to Haiti. Due to the instability of standing structures the people are forced to sleep outside. The streets are cover with tents. There were a couple major blessings! The National Sanctuary was not destroyed. Also, the new Headquarters building, located about a 30 minutes drive from Port-Au-Prince had some minor damage but has served the needs of many. Bishop Blake was scheduled to dedicate the building on January 26, 2010 but the dedication was cancelled due to the earthquake. Over \$250,000.00 were provided by the mission minded saints of the Church Of God In Christ to help complete that structure. Little did the Church realize the investments would return so soon! Elder Pullings stated some repairs to the building were so timely made, and that included the water tower, electrical supply system and the restrooms. He and some local saints help put those things in order. For that reason, the teams of doctors and aide givers could be headquartered safely.

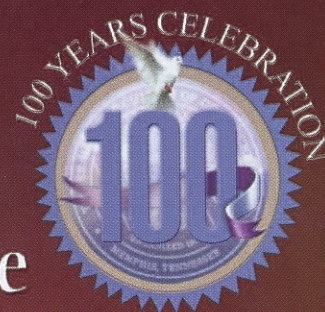
I am confident that each individual who can will continue to give aid and support to the mission. Keeping the momentum of this effort going will save lives and lift people from untold suffering. This is what COGIC Charities is exactly about!



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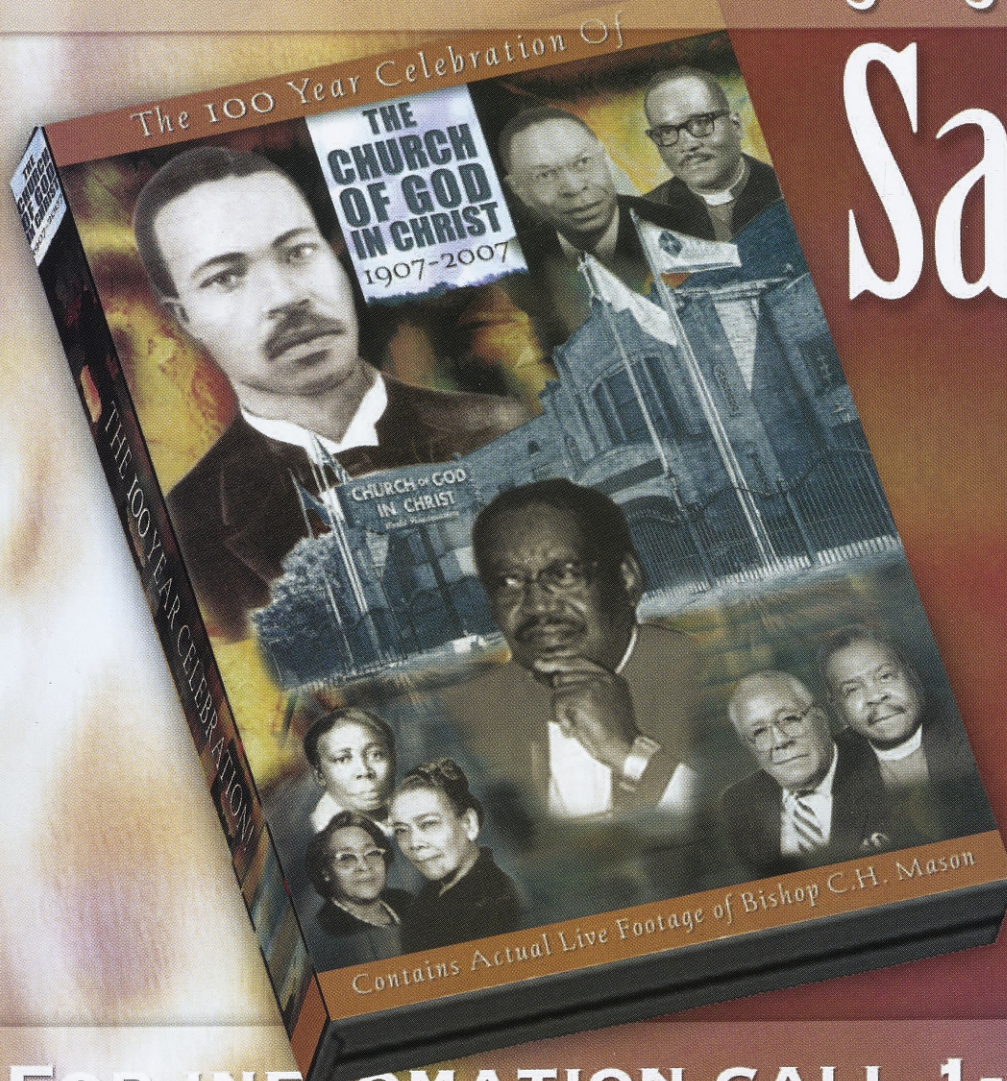
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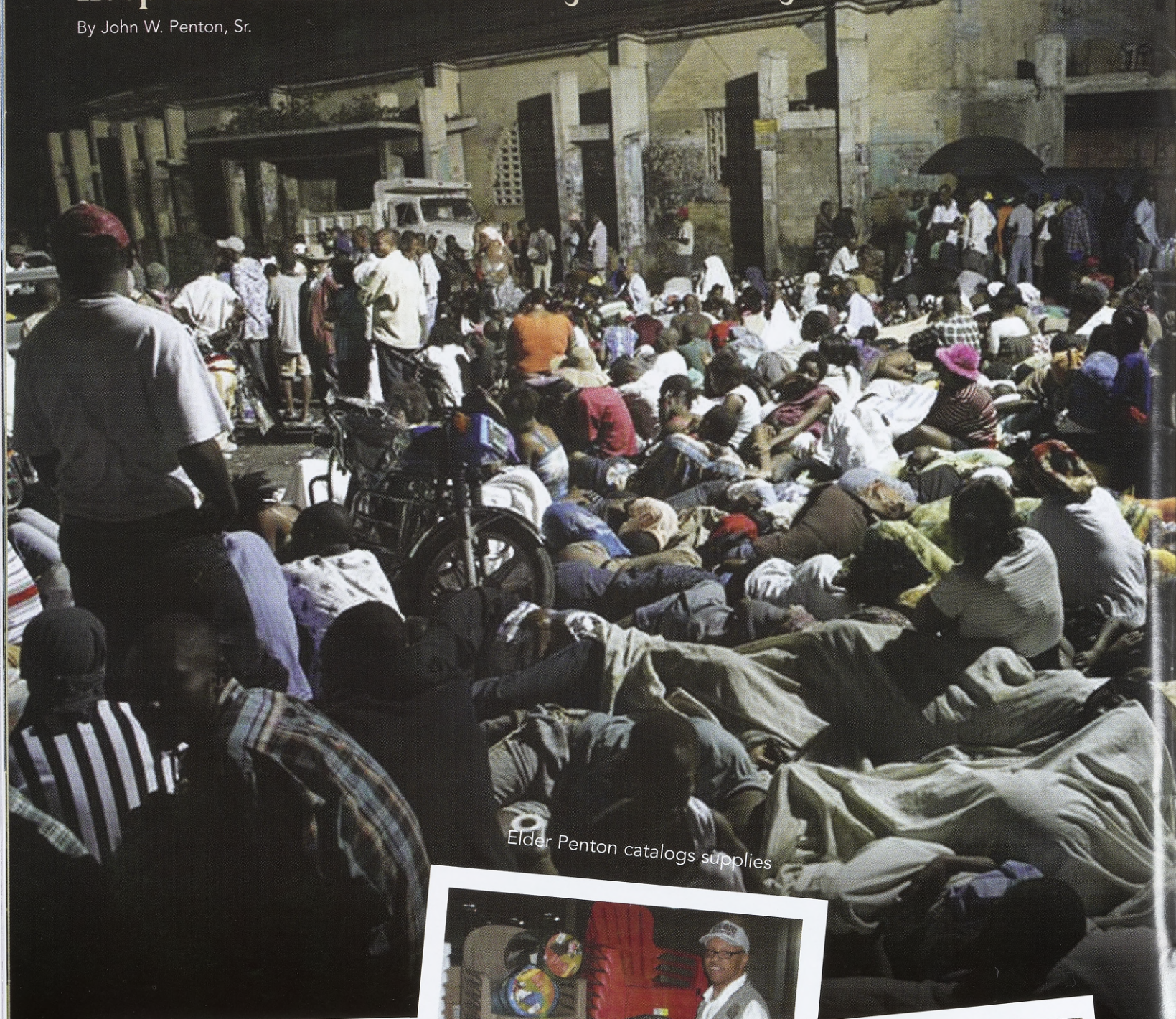
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# Keep the Momentum of Caring and Sharing for Haiti! Part II

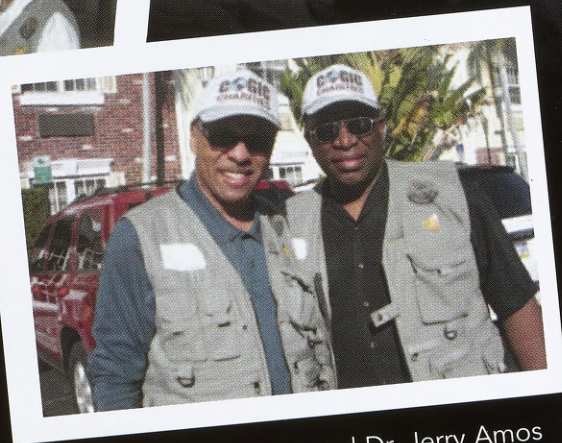
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Elder Penton catalogs supplies



Outdoor cooking grills for feeding the earthquake victims.



Elder Penton and Dr. Jerry Amos on the job in Haiti





Photo by Paul Jeffrey/ACT

As the Executive Director of COGIC Charities, I am privileged to witness the character and compassion of the saints during the extremes of life. I can say that there is an abundance of love, willingness to sacrifice, and a total commitment to the will of God when it is needed the most. I am glad to be numbered with the saints.

The relief being given in Haiti by the saints is outstanding! More is needed considering the situation is so dire. I am making this appeal because the need will continue and may only worsen without our continued support. By relating the following report, I hope that more of you will give again and support COGIC Charities.

The repairs were very timely on the new National Headquarters Building because the medical team arrived a short time later to begin its work. Dr. Elton Amos of Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Director of the COGIC Health Initiative arrived and established a hospital. After being setup the facility was ready and began to attend to the needs of the wounded and sick. Patients filled the grounds and the medical professionals sent from our Church, provided loving health care. The Church Of God In Christ operated alongside other Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that were there and did a quality job.

It should be noted that COGIC Charities is considered as a first responder to the sites of tragedies such as an earthquake. First Responders are organizations that are prepared with equipment capabilities and human resources to save lives during immediate and emergency stress. In the case of Haiti there is such unusual and continuous need that our medical teams were busy providing care in every imaginable area of health.

Bishop Blake emphasized the mission must demonstrate fiscal accountability. All expenditures should be accompanied with

receipts. Bishop Blake hopes to maximize every cent contributed for the cause and as many needs as possible. Haiti has 80% of the population living under the poverty line and is in critical need of most necessities. Most Haitians live on less than \$2.00 a day. Under the circumstances of this event the stress was equal to the need.

For the survival of our volunteers in Haiti, we depended upon reliable persons to provide security. Security is a great concern on the island. Elder James Pullings, Jr., emphasized the need for 24 hour security after witnessing and hearing of hostile take-over of supplies from various aid stations. Distribution centers handling food and supplies were particularly vulnerable. Transportation and drivers were in high demand. The need for interpreters is yet very important because Haiti has two official languages: French and Haitian Creole. All of the complexities of living and working under the stress made the efforts of COGIC Charities that much creditable. The cost of providing aid, shipping relief supplies, support and health care alone is over \$100,000.00 and growing. As of February 28, 2010 cash contributions were nearly \$800,000.00. As the reports of the disaster relief are made known, the Church Of God In Christ's membership will attest to the professionalism and effort of its charity.

COGIC Charities has partnership with Save African Children in providing Gift In Kind (GIK) items valued over \$300,000.00. The GIK items consist of water, medical supplies, food, clothes and hygiene supplies to the Haitian relief. Shipping supplies is costly. Each 40 foot container filled with supplies cost \$5,000.00. As one can see the effort to help is expensive but essential. The donations must continue because the injured, the young and the very elderly are suffering untold misery in Haiti. Lest we forget! Many of the victims are Holy Ghost filled children of God! Keep the love flowing! ☺



# COGIC Medical Team Arrives in Haiti

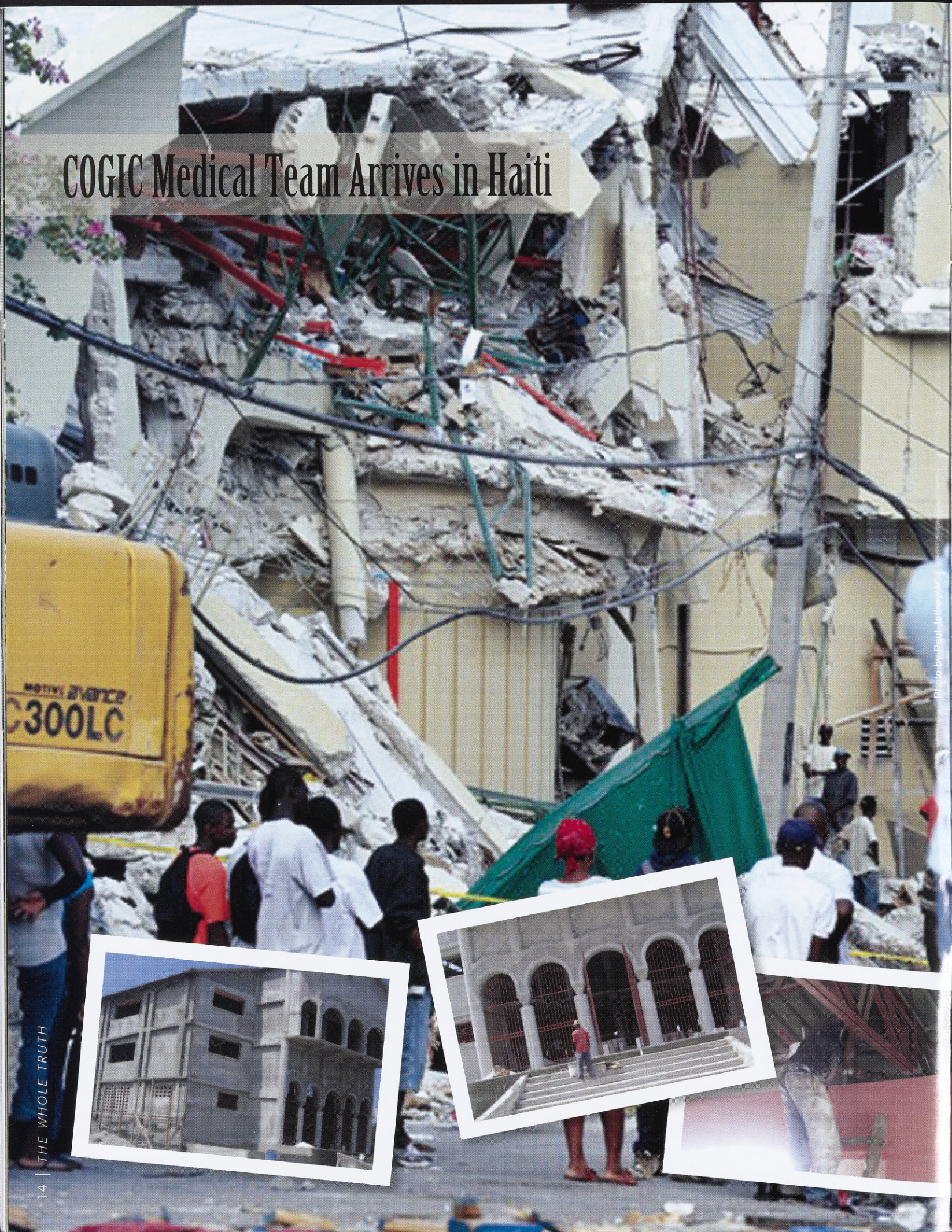






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Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., dispatched missionaries of mercy to the Isle of Haiti. Along with the outpouring of love and resources from the world over, the Church Of God In Christ demonstrated, it too, could provide more than immediate prayers for the victims of the Haitian earthquake. Along with the many nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) the Church Of God In Christ sent medical missionaries to stand beside other assistants from around the world.

Superintendent Elton Amos, MD headed the medical missions for COGIC Charities. Traveling through the Dominican Republic to Haiti, he assembled an impressive medical team from Harvard Medical Center who operated the first medical clinic on the premises of the first Church Of God In Christ in Haiti. Beginning Sunday, February 7, 2010 this unit provided medicine and administered medical consultation for over 400 persons. Dr. Amos informed *The Whole Truth* that medical missionaries, consisting of doctors, nurses, and health professionals from the Church Of God In Christ will continue to flow in and out of the country to assist the victims of the earthquake.

Dr. Amos stated to Bishop Dautruche, "I bring you greetings from the United States of America, and from the Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ everywhere, who sent me on this mission. I've come to let you know that you have brothers and sisters in the United States who care about you and who are praying for you. I appreciate the open door provided by Bishop Dautruche. He is a

great man, known across the globe. Wherever his name is known, our Church's name is known also and we are here to demonstrate our love and concern." Dr. Amos brought along with him Superintendent and Mrs. Pullings, the leader of the mission's delegation. Together, Dr. Amos and Superintendent Pullings opened the first medical clinic in the basement of the jurisdictional temple.

Monday, February 8, 2010, Dr. Vivian Lamphear of Los Angeles, California administered psychological therapy to the traumatized Haitians. Then on Tuesday, February 9th, a group of five medical professionals arrived from Evanston, Illinois, members of Faith Temple COGIC (Bishop Carlis Moody, Pastor). The team administered much needed medical assistance to over 1,000 persons upon traveling to the C. H. Mason Elementary School where the neighbors took shelter under tarps. The team handled a large number of patients and Pastor Emmanuel John provided food for the hungry in both places. Pastor John is a native born Haitian who resides in America.

Other medical groups from COGIC Charities will be on the ground in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. The middle groups will continue to pour in to the Island of Haiti. As Dr. Amos indicates, the COGIC Charities are providing substantial efforts to help lessen the impact of the earthquake aftermath. ☺



# Mason • King

## "MEN OF VISION"



Memphis, TN - The time was right! The Church Of God In Christ Leadership Conference for 2010 was conducted in the Headquarters of the Church. The season was one of celebration for the African-American community because Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day coincided with the annual COGIC Leadership Conference. This year presented a unique opportunity because the Church met in Memphis, Tennessee, the city where Bishop Charles Harrison Mason lived and Dr. King suffered and died.

The pre-convention activity was under the auspices of Bishop

Jerry W. Macklin, the Second Assistant Presiding Bishop. Considering that January 18th as the day that hundreds of saints were scheduled to arrive in Memphis, Tennessee, Bishop Macklin thought it would be enlightening to have a formal worship and commemoration of Dr. King. Mason Temple was the site and would be fitting because Mason Temple was the last place Dr. King made a formal address. Presiding Bishop Blake committed the idea to be pursued and the event was proven to be a major success.



On that night a new "Mason•King" award was presented to saints that exemplified the vision and character of both Mason and King. Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. was there to hand each recipient the award personally. The honorees were regular people who participated in support of the legend of the movement. Surely, if Dr. King had no one following him and willing to be arrested, beaten and misused, there would possibly be no Civil Rights Movement.

Bishop Macklin designated Dr. David A. Hall, Sr to help develop the event. An amazing group of pastors put their hearts and minds together to bring a rare and unique evening to Mason Temple. Superintendent Kendall Anderson, Pastors: Russell Hines, Arthur Mosely and Orlester Johnson worked diligently to develop the "Men of Vision" concept. The program consisted of public officials and representatives from the tri-state area. Among the participants were, Congressman Steve Cohen of Tennessee's Ninth Congressional District, Mayor A.C. Wharton of Memphis and Shelby County Mayor Joe Ford. Important to the event were the words of Ms. Ruth Davis. She is the current representative of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) the union who invited Dr. King to Memphis. Operation Push President Dr. LaSimba Gray provided a stirring address.

The event was sponsored by many local businesses. Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare was represented by Mr. Bobby Baker. The hospital has been historically committed to the Memphis community and is a faith partner in events like the Mason King event. Mr. Baker spoke about the quality of men that Bishop Mason and Dr. King were. He remarked that Methodist LeBonheur Health was committed to continuing the vision. Presiding Bishop Blake applauded the contribution of all supporters and especially the contribution of Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare.

Dr. Robert Franklin, President of Moorehouse College was the invited "Key Note" speaker. The renowned scholar and college president challenged the saints to understand the vision required in that dynamic period, as he compared the two giants: Mason and King. He stated, "Considering the lives of both Bishop Mason and Dr. King places the two giants juxtapose one another. Their comparison is essential for future generations of youth and inspirational for all."

The recipients were selected from the ranks of the COGIC faithful. Honored that night were Bishops Felton Smith and J.O. Patterson, Jr., Superintendent Fred Idom, Elder Robert Morris and Missionary Georgia Macklin Lowe. A special tribute was received posthumously by Bishop Charles Mason Ford in honor of the contributions of the late Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford. ☺



The Steering Committee pictured with Dr. Franklin and Award winner Elder Robert Morris



Presiding Bishop Blake and the General Board with Mother Lowe





Presiding Bishop Charles Blake and Elder Fred Idom



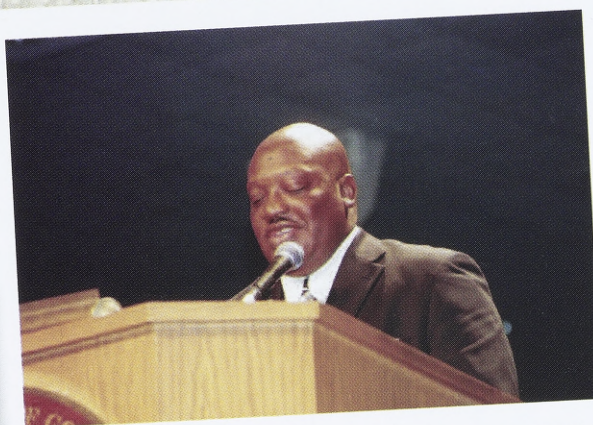
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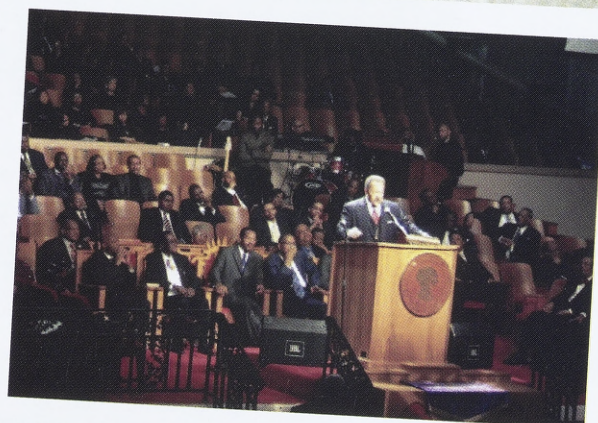
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Dr. Robert Franklin provided the keynote address





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# Bishop Francis Kamau

## A Compassionate Leader for Our Time



Bishop Sedgwick Daniels greets Bishop Kamau



Kenya is a vast and beautiful land on the continent of Africa. It is a land of green valleys, sloping mountains and bushes loaded with wild life. Scientific discoveries indicate Kenya is where the oldest human bones have been found. Amid the geographic splendor is a social scene that is challenging and politically unstable. The economy is growing and progressing in spite of the historic colonial beginnings of the country. Africans of courage and vision are emerging to move the country forward.

Kenya's Bishop, Francis M. Kamau, is having an enormous impact all over Kenya and the world. More than twenty-five years ago he was introduced to Bishop S.M. Crouch of California. The young Francis Kamau developed a meaningful and lasting friendship with Bishop Crouch and many other COGIC luminaries. Among the most influential persons he has fellowship are the Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., and Bishop George D. McKinney. While in America, young Kamau enrolled in Fuller Theological Seminary in the School of Intercultural Studies. He earned a Masters Degree in Missiology, a Master of Arts in Theology and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Degree. Bishop Blake complimented his friend and brother in Christ, "Bishop Kamau provides leadership, mentoring and guidance to more than 200 pastors in Kenya. The church he planted just over a decade ago has become an institution. From it alone, he has planted over 45 Cornerstone Faith Assembly churches in Kenya."

Bishops Blake and Kamau possess a special anointing for church growth. Bishop Kamau's rapid expansion of his ministry is having worldwide impact. In addition he is engaged in a dynamic church planning effort that internationally trains ministers and other religious workers. Through this organization he has

equipped more than 6,000 pastors from Pakistan, Eastern and Southern Africa, English speaking nations and European descent.

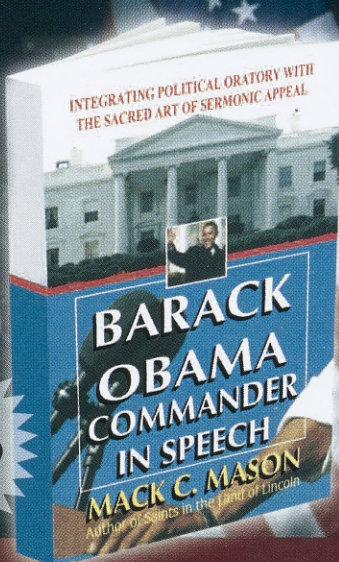
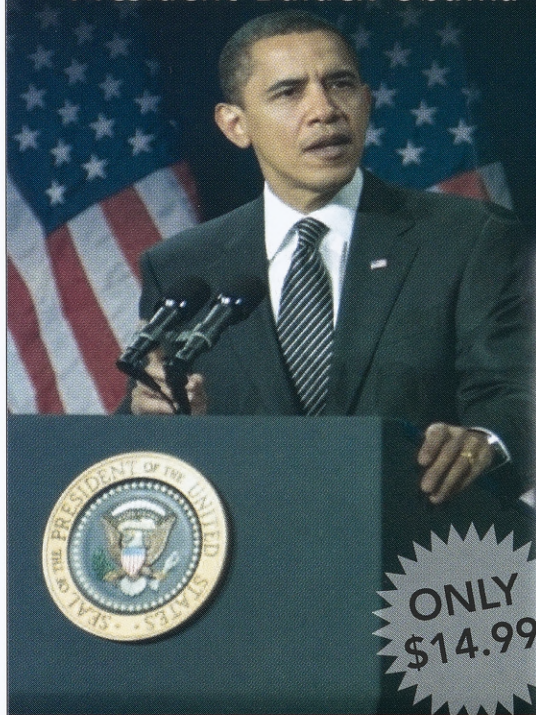
Recently, Bishop Kamau traveled to the United States to join in friendship and fellowship with a number of noted persons, including General Board Member, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels. On Valentine's Day – 2010, Bishop Kamau was the guest of Bishop Daniels. He joined Bishop Daniels' celebration of 24 years in ministry. Thousands of people heard the dynamic message the soft spoken Kamau offered. For the record, he used II Kings 8: 1-6 as his text and the topic was "The Right To Reclaim All Your Rights."

Bishop Kamau joined Missionary Valerie Daniels – Carter and a group of American business leaders to open a classroom building at the Jubilee Center in Nairobi, Kenya. Missionary Daniels-Carter, Bishop Daniels and the Wisconsin First Jurisdiction in conjunction with Save Africa's Children were responsible for drilling a 250 meter deep water well that serves more than 22,000 individuals and live stock. The relationship is part and parcel what Presiding Bishop Blake has toiled with for years. Bishop Kamau is doing more of that in East Africa. Humanitarian work is sorely needed and the Kamau- Daniels relationship has provided much support to those causes.

Bishop Daniels spoke of Bishop Kamau in glorious terms as a true servant of the Most High God, "Bishop Kamau is a remarkable individual who was mentored by Bishop Blake. He symbolizes the world mission and the new paradigm of mission without borders, reaching all people everywhere by ministering to all their needs. He is a model to be practiced and encouraged by the Church Of God In Christ" ☺



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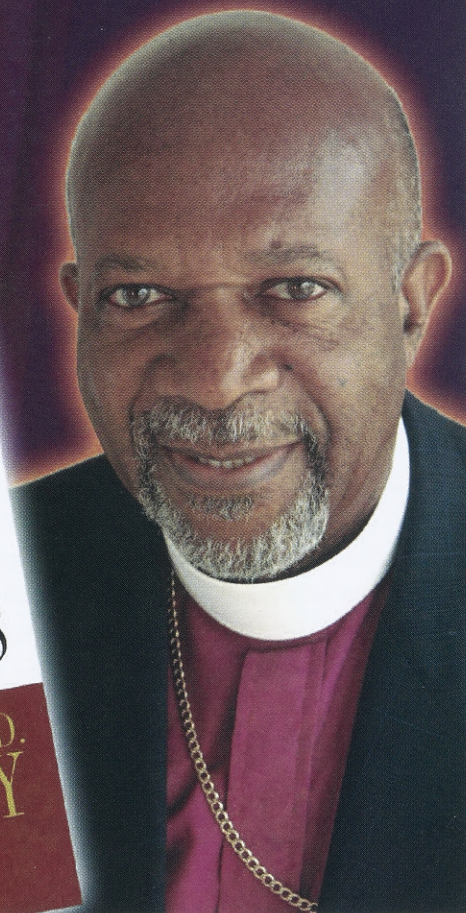
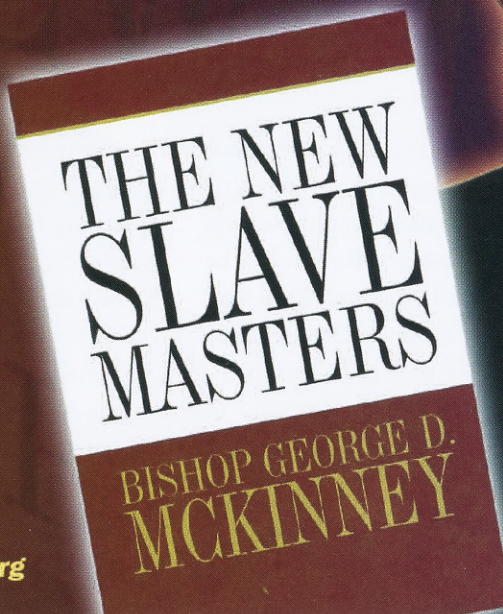


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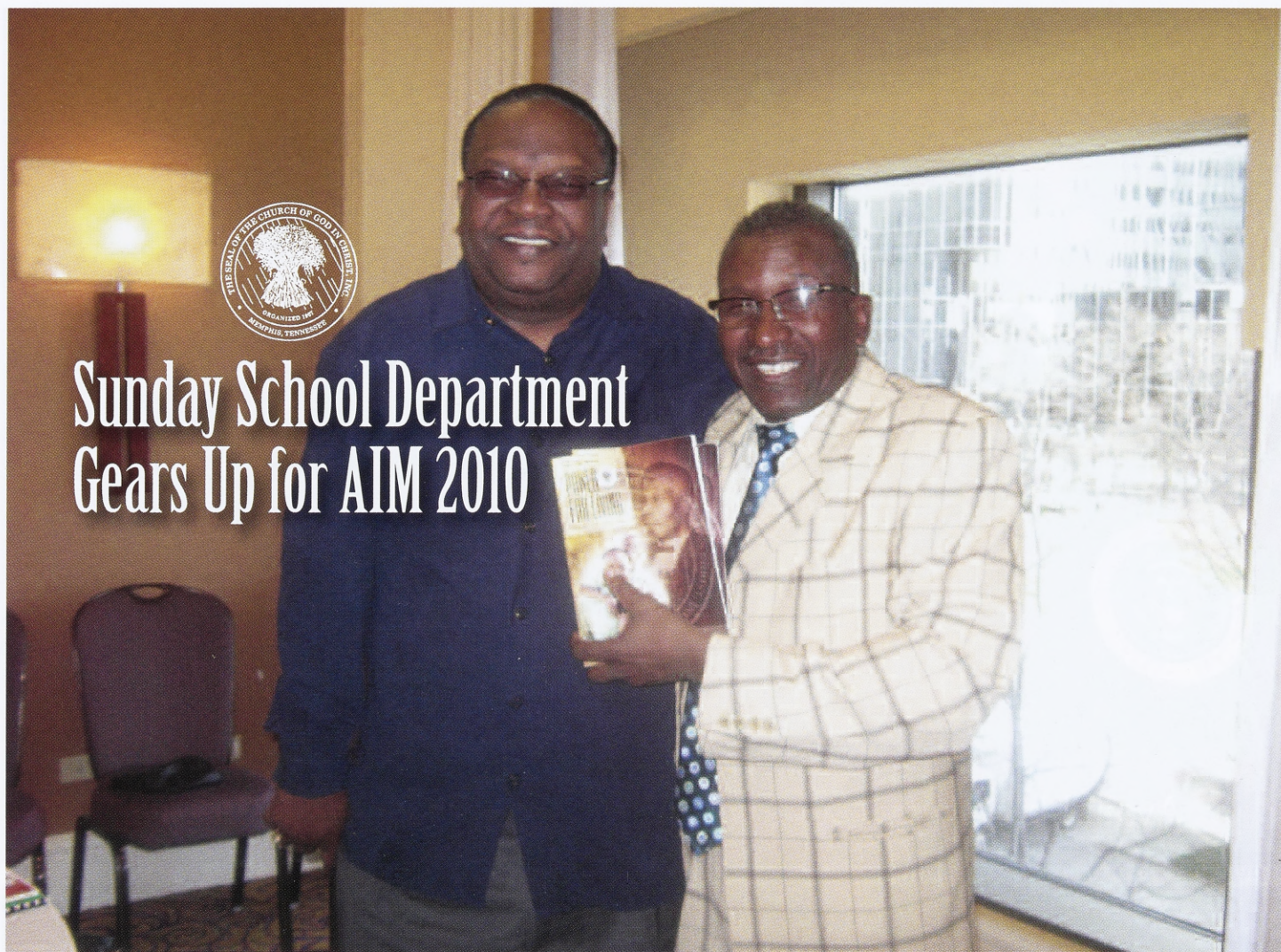
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## Sunday School Department Gears Up for AIM 2010

Bishop Alton Gatlin and Dr. David Hall at Pre-AIM conference

Bishop Alton Gatlin, International Sunday School Superintendent conducted an auxiliary department planning session in the Auxiliaries In Ministry (AIM) host city, Charlotte, North Carolina. Representatives of the steering committee met to discuss, plan and activate the agenda for the coming convention. They came from many areas of the country and conducted a fruitful session characterized by high energy and enthusiasm.

Departmental officials put the structure on the theme, organization, class schedule and finance for the meeting. It is apparent that Bishop Gatlin is confident about the Summer auxiliary convention and hopes that people from around the nation will attend. The workers met long hours and produced quality results. They kept laughter and light-hearted spirit while dealing with the elements that make a convention successful. Reports were given and methods approved. Bishop Gatlin urged his troops on and stated, "In spite of the economy, gas prices, airline tickets and local concerns, I believe the Lord will bless this convention." The Sunday School department staff was focused and prepared to make the Chairman's words a reality.

The committee is pleased to offer a total package for the convention goes. "The Sunday School Convention will be the most complete unit in AIM. "This is the season of wisdom and training. The convention delegates can attend our session and receive training in evangelism and church growth. Bishop Bob Jackson and Superintendent Otis Lockett are part of the outstanding line up of trainers we offer," announced Bishop Gatlin.

Another activity of national interest will be the presentation made by Dr. David Hall, CEO of the Church Of God In Christ Publishing House. The Publishing House is revealing the newly innovated curriculum and presenting new jurisdictional programs that will deliver excellent customer service and products. Dr. Hall was the special guest of the Sunday School department in Charlotte and heard directly from Jurisdictional, District and Local Church Sunday School Superintendents. Bishop Gatlin has pledge his support in helping promote and direct the Church connection with the Sunday School agenda. Dr. Hall commented that all Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendents will have a significant part to play in the new program. ☉





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# Northern Nevada Moving Forward



Dr. David Hall, Bishop Luther Dupree, Sister and Pastor Norris Dupree, Sr and Women's Supervisor Mullins, rear

Reno, Nevada - Bishop Luther Dupree and the saints of the fledgling Northern Nevada Jurisdiction conducted their first Ministers and Workers Meeting, March 10-12, 2010. Bishop Dupree and his steering committee designed a meeting that promoted development of his organization, defined mission and trained clergy and officials about polity. In both day and night sessions, the saints were pushed to excel and mark their learning with increased enthusiasm for the work of the Lord.

Bishop Dupree invited Bishop Malcom Coby and Dr. David Hall to provide leadership training and inspiration. The two proved to be all the saints could have imagined as church professionals. Church work needs persons of skill, compassion and vision to move ministries forward. Both men represent the very

best in their field of endeavor. Bishop Coby is a consummate scholar who tackles church infrastructures. Dr. Hall did training in organizational culture and polity.

Dr. David Hall provided an added dimension to the meeting. When he introduced the 2010 COGIC Vacation Bible School package and the Sunday School materials to the local delegations, it was an extra treat. Bishop Dupree's goal is for each church in the jurisdiction to use COGIC curriculum materials to achieve growth. Dr. Hall brought information of the latest changes in curriculum, customer service and new incentives being planned for curriculum users. ☺



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# Health and Relaxation



Chairman Daniels greets his fellow Midwesterners to Ft. Lauderdale



Bishops Jackson, Johnson, Houston and Sanders enjoyed the fellowship

Often accused of being workaholics and having limited social opportunities, preachers can stop their arduous schedules and enjoy one another's company. During the cold month of February a few of them came together for a short winter vacation. The Louis Ford- J.O. Patterson Golf Association conducted its annual trip to sunny Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The historic group has been meeting for better than forty years to enjoy the game of golf. Some preachers go fishing or hunting or surfing in the sun but these enjoy the competition of the "game."

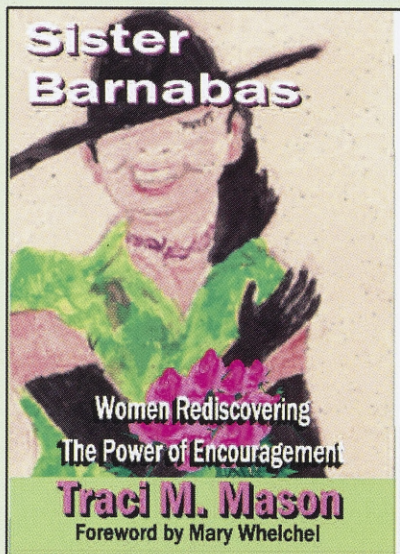
This year, the four day activity brought saints together from around the country. Many of them left cold and icy environments to renew friendships, talk about their local ministries and simply get away. Jesus did say, "Get to a desert place" and that is great advice.

Attorney John Daniels, Chairman of the Church Of God In Christ Publishing Board attended the activity. He and Dr. David Hall informed the group about the changing operations of the Publishing House and encouraged the use of COGIC curriculum. Daily, the bishops, pastors and elders met for breakfast. Topics of discussion were about Scripture, prayer and obviously the current events in the life of the Church Of God In Christ.

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## Willie James Campbell, Evangelism Chairman



Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake appointed Willie James Campbell, President of the Evangelism Department. The International Evangelism Department is part of the AIMS Convention, and is responsible for developing the evangelistic department throughout the Church Of God In Christ. The President of the department has a mandate to organize local, national and international evangelists for an expanded ministry. His tenure in the mode of Presiding Bishop Blake will be one of innovation and technical development.

Elder Campbell is a veteran pastor and evangelist in the Church. He has preached in most cities in America, and before large conventions. He brings new energy, and innovative processes to the Evangelism Department. Along with him is International Elect Lady, Rita Womack, and Assistant International Chairlady, Elect Lady Dorinda Clark Cole. They make up a holy trinity of gifted speakers, tremendous singers, and persons with deep spiritual insight.

Pastor Campbell invites all interested parties who want to affiliate with the Evangelism Department to do so in the local jurisdictions. He is encouraging those with questions to write him at 640 West 118th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60628.



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# The Whole Truth-Digital Divide

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It's time for us to clearly define what it means to be COGIC, separate and distinct from other denominations. We must take the lead that God has placed before us!

So with that said just know that I am excited about seeing you at the International Women's Convention, May 31 – June 4, 2010. Please stop by and see us, we will be waiting for you!

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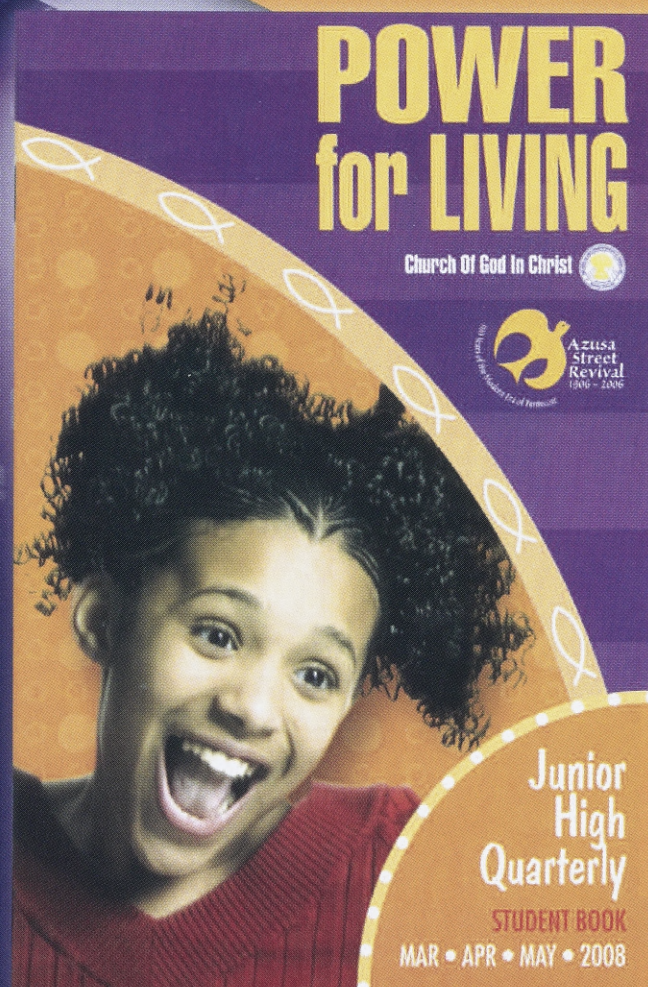
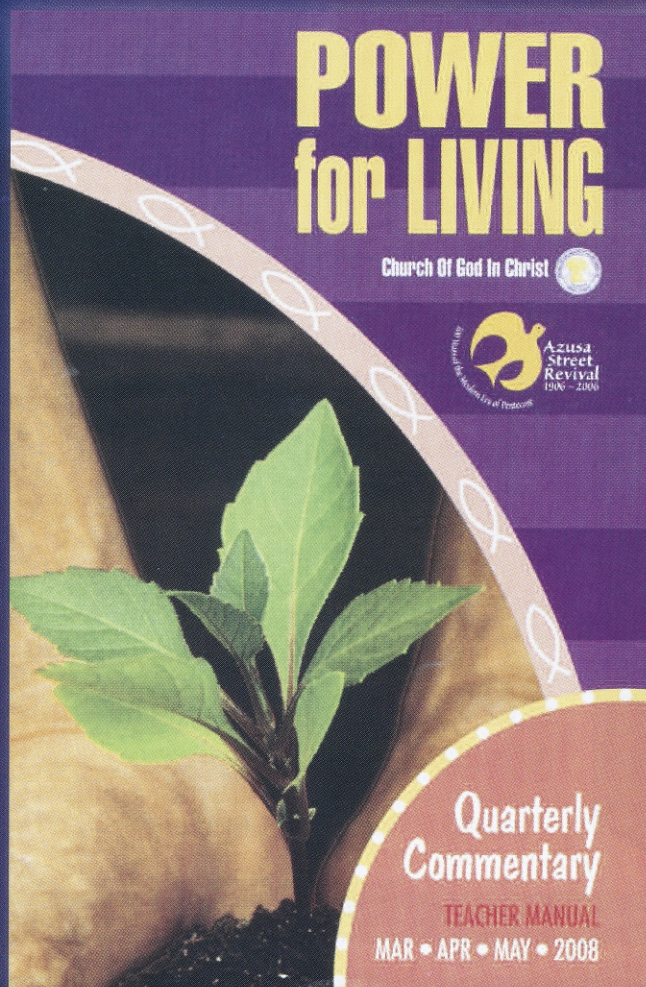
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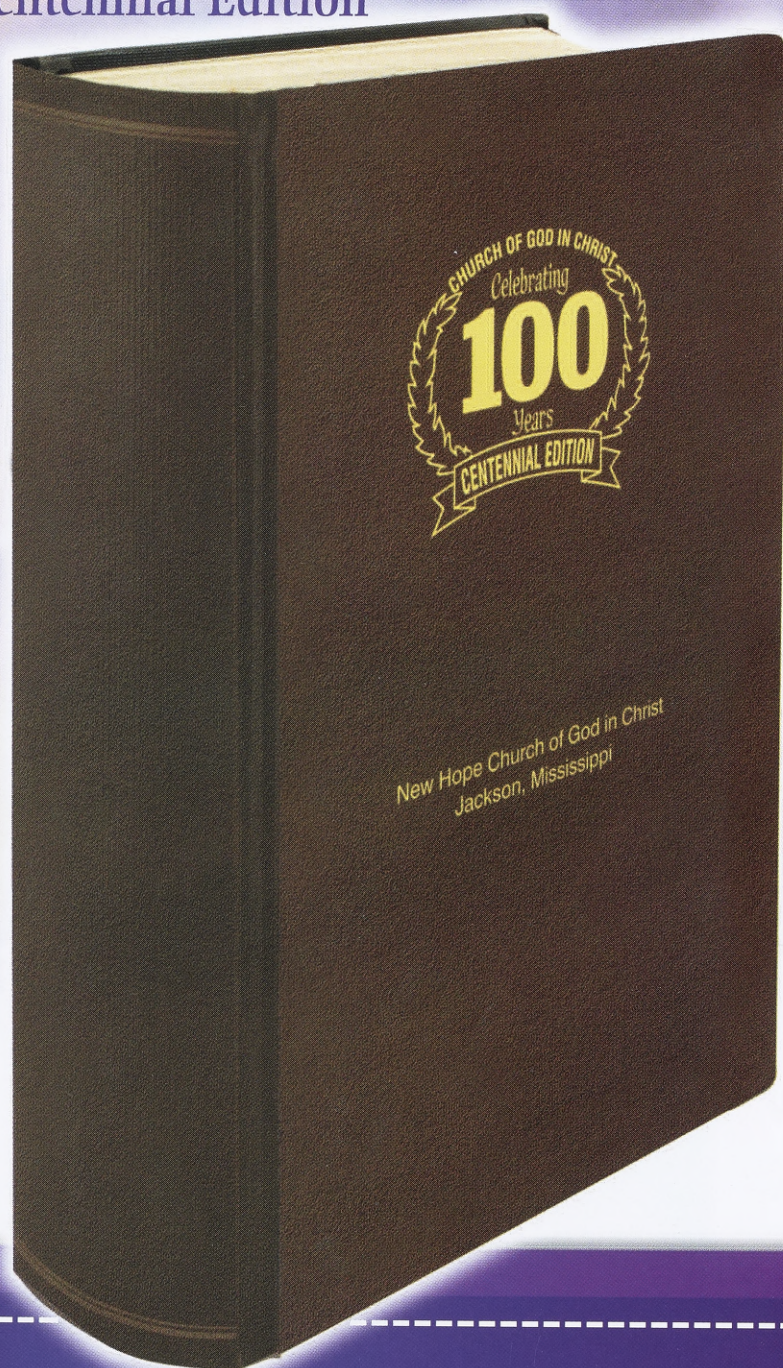


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# Great God, Great Vision, Great Accomplishments: Founder's Week 2010



Left: Bishop Owen and his wife. Shown above with the Presiding Bishop are Bishops: Porter, Lyles, Haney, Johnson, Quillen, Daniels, Shaw, Smith, and Spivey.

## The Occasion

The Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary recently celebrated forty years of preparing men and women for careers in Religious Studies and for ministry in the Church Of God In Christ. Named after Bishop Charles H. Mason, the Founder of the Church Of God In Christ and one of the most significant religious leaders of the twentieth century (1866-1961), the Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary is the official school for graduate training in theology and religious studies for the Church Of God In Christ. The Charles H. Mason Theology Seminary is affiliated with the Interdenominational Theological Center (hereafter, ITC), which is comprised of six other seminaries from Protestant denominations and an interdenominational fellowship, the Harry and Selma Richardson Ecumenical Fellowship.

The Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary appeared on the campus of the ITC in 1970. Under the leadership of then Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., it began its mission of preparing men and women for ministry in the body of Christ. Several of our present General Board Members and Bishops have played a major role in establishing and enhancing this education

ministry in Atlanta, Georgia. These persons are our Presiding Bishop, Charles E. Blake and General Board members Bishops Roy L.H. Winbush and George D. McKinney, and Bishop Dewitt A. Burton. It is noteworthy that our Presiding Bishop, Charles E. Blake, was the founding Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary, and that under his vision and direction the chief administrative and governance matters of the Seminary received serious attention. In fact, his foresight laid a foundation that has guided the Seminary in many of its administrative and governance deliberations for the last forty years. Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Charles Harrison Mason Seminary for the past thirty-six years. His leadership and service provided the Seminary with seasoned leadership and contributed to the massive increase of Church Of God In Christ men and women in the Professoriate, Institutional and Military Chaplaincy, and Traditional parish Ministry. Bishop George D. McKinney served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the C.H. Mason Seminary, and was an invaluable source of insight and guidance regarding how the Seminary could fulfill its mandate to train men and women for cutting edge ministry in the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Dewitt A. Burton, Prelate of Eastern Pennsylvania Jurisdiction of the



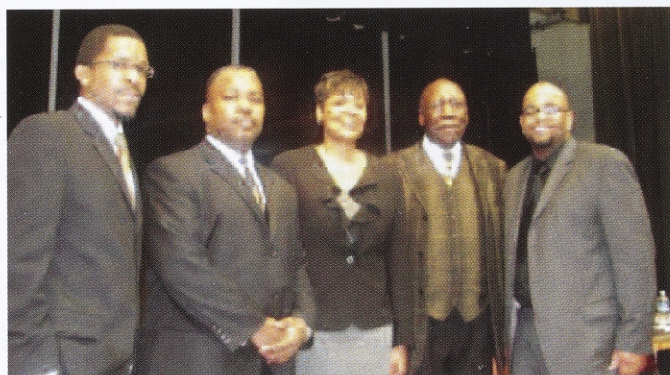
Church Of God In Christ, continues to provide keen insight into the curriculum and objectives of the C.H. Mason Seminary.

The Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary has over two hundred graduates. Moreover, four persons have served as Administrative Deans of the Seminary. Leonard Lovett, PhD, served from 1970-1974. Bishop Oliver J. Haney, D.D., served from 1974-2005. Elder Arthur F. Mosley, MDiv, served as Interim Dean 2002-2005; and Harold V. Bennett, PhD, serves as the present Administrative Dean of the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary.

## The Week in Review

### Monday

The Fortieth Founder's Week celebration began with the Conference on Pentecostalism. The Conference on Pentecostalism is a series of lectures that focus on aspects of the Pentecostal experience. This year Eric J. Williams and Aaron Howard delivered papers on key thinkers in African-American Pentecostal thought. Williams' paper sought to expose the role that religious experience played in the thought of Bishop Ithiel C. Clemmons. Aaron Howard's project examined the notion that sanctification played in Leonard Lovett's strategy for social transformation. Sheila Baxter, a graduate student at Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary and a plethora of students from the Atlanta University Center responded to Williams and Howard.



Pictured from left to right are Aaron Howard, Harold V. Bennett, Sheila Baxter, Leonard Lovett, and Eric J. Williams, participants in the Conference on Pentecostalism at the Fortieth Founder's Week Celebration of the Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary.



Dr. Lovett responds to critical views about his ethical theory introduced by a student from Morehouse College during the Conference on Pentecostalism.

On Monday evening, the Cathedral of Faith COGIC hosted the Fortieth Founder's Week Musical. Various gospel artists and groups both of local and national platforms, artist such as Kevin Lemons and Higher Calling, Sunday's Best finalist Zebulon Ellis, and national recording artist Evangelist Lashun Pace ministered. Each group and artist used their gifts to celebrate the goodness of the Lord in His providing for the Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary for forty years.



Pictured on the Founder's Week Musical Flyer above are LaShaun Pace, Kevin Lemons, and Zebulon Ellis.

### Tuesday

Dr. David A. Hall, Sr., CEO of the Publishing House, Editor of *The Whole Truth* Magazine and of the COGIC Digest, was the Distinguished Preacher for 2010. This person is selected yearly by the ITC to deliver the message in the midday worship service and to lecture on a topic of his choice. Dr. Hall preached on "My Brother, My Brother." Dr. Hall's sermon drew insights from the Cain and Abel text in Genesis and challenged the ITC community to develop strategies for confronting problems of alienation among males in the African-American community. Afterward, Dr. Hall delivered a lecture to the ITC Faculty that explored the relationship between Pentecostalism, Grace, and Pacificism.

**Bishop Oliver J. Haney has the distinction of serving as President-Dean of Mason Theological Seminary for 30 years. His tenure is a record.**





The ITC Community in praise during the preaching of Dr. David A. Hall, Sr.

Tuesday night included the state of the seminary address by current President/Dean Dr. Harold V. Bennett, PhD. The address was electrifying and motivating, and it gave a strategic outlook and plan for the advancement of the seminary. This plan included a focus on Friend Raising and Fund Raising, two items that will advance the ministry of the Charles H. Mason Seminary.



Dr. Harold V. Bennett delivers his State of the Seminary Address during the Fortieth Founder's Week Celebration.



Pictured above are members of the Board of Trustees for the C. H. Mason Seminary, listening to the State of the Seminary address. Shown above are Pastor John Redic, Supt. Leroy James, Dr. Lawrence Williams, and Bishop Phillip Porter.

C. H. Mason Seminarian Bernard Grace (class of 2011) stated after the State of the Seminary Address and Student/Alumni dinner "I feel optimistic about the future of the seminary and my ability to work for the Church of God In Christ."



Andrea Richard, Regericka Brewer, and Sheila Baxter chat during the Alumni/Student Dinner during the Fortieth Founder's Week Celebration.

## Wednesday

Former President/Dean Pastor Arthur F Mosley, Pastor of the Cathedral of Faith COGIC Atlanta, Georgia, preached during the Founder's Week Community worship service. The title of the sermon was "Remind Me." Pastor Mosley grounded his sermon in Isaiah 46 and challenged the Saints to be mindful of the great things the Lord has done for the Seminary.



Pastor and First Lady Arthur F. Mosley of Cathedral of Faith Church Of God In Christ in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Thursday

Dr. Leonard Lovett, the Founding Dean of the Seminary, spoke during the Thursday midday worship. The topic of his sermon was *Is There a Prophetic Preacher in the House?* Dr. Lovett grounded his sermon in the Micaiah ben Imlah text in I Kings 22:1-22. The sermon admonished the Seminarians to stand for the truth of God, regardless of the consequences.



While Bishop Phillip Porter observes, Dr. Lovett delivers his sermon during the Thursday midday worship service.



The week was concluded with the Annual Founder's Week Celebration Banquet. Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle of the Church Of God In Christ, Bishop Charles Edward Blake Sr, delivered the Keynote Address. Bishop Blake delivered an exciting and invigorating sermon entitled *Giving God Something to Look Forward To*. The sermon charged the Seminarians to continue in the direction of academic excellence and to remain steadfast in the Church Of God In Christ and in the community. The Presiding Bishop concluded his ministry to the Seminary by making a five thousand dollar pledge to the general scholarship fund of the Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary.



Presiding Bishop and Founding Chairman of the Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary, C.E. Blake, addresses the community on its fortieth year celebration.

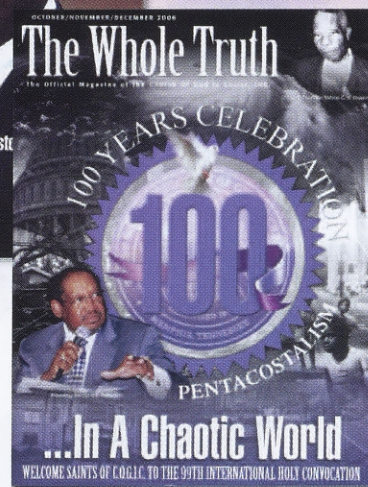
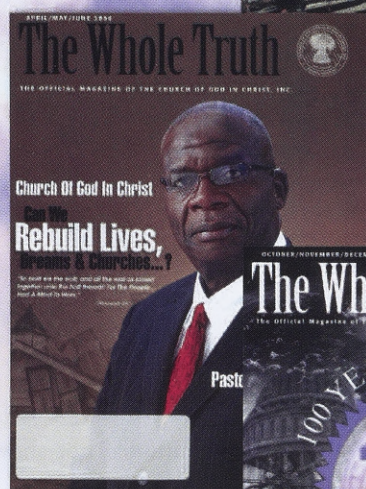
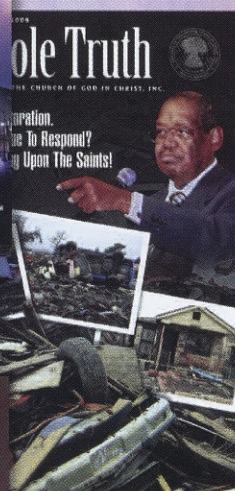
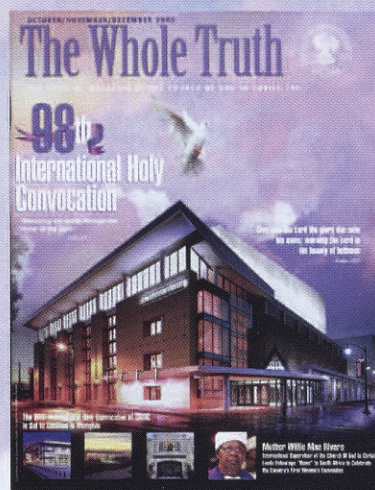
After the Banquet, the Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle spent time fellowshiping with the Seminarians and sharing with several of the Saints who came to be a part of this celebration.

One highlight of the evening was the gift of Bishop Mark Walden, Bishop of Northern Georgia Second Jurisdiction, to the Seminary. Bishop Walden pledged a two-thousand dollar donation to the Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary. This the the first of many acts of kindness that were to come later in the evening.



Shown above is Bishop Walden announcing his financial gift to the Seminary.

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Another highlight of the evening was General Board Member and Bishop of Wisconsin First Jurisdiction, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, making a financial gift to the Seminary and offering an Internship and permanent position of employment in Wisconsin First Jurisdiction to a graduating Seminarian.



Pictured above is General Board Member Sedgwick Daniels announcing an employment opportunity with Wisconsin First Jurisdiction to a worthy Seminarian.

The festivities for the week allowed current C.H. Mason Seminary students the opportunity to build relationships, receive advice, words of encouragement, and the ability to fellowship with other top level officials in the Church Of God In Christ. These persons included Former Presiding Bishop Chandler David Owens, General Board Member Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, and General Secretary Bishop Joel H. Lyles. Several Jurisdictional Bishops attended. Present were Bishops Oliver J. Haney, Martin L. Johnson, John W. Leggett, Larry L. Shaw, Paul Fortson, Richard "Mr. Clean" White, Mark Walden, and Bishop Henderson Spivey. Several State Supervisors were present. These persons include Mothers Edith McGrew, Mary Tucker, Amy Ingram, Margaret Moore, and Claudette Duncan, and other important persons who might not be mentioned nor shown in this article. ③



Bishop Oliver J. Haney, Jr., Prelate Northern Georgia One, reflects on important contributions to the COGIC that Mason Seminary has made over the past forty years.



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Pledge Sheet  
March 1, 2010

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Lewis, Ralph	1,000			
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James, Diana	1,000			
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Harper, Norman	1,000			
Frazier, Thomas	1,000			
Mosley, Arthur	1,000			
Lyles, Joel	1,000			
Johnson, Martin	1,000			
Cooper, Gary	1,000			
Fortson, Paul	1,000			
Shaw, Larry	1,500			
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# Tribute on the Passing of Bishop Marvin C. Pryor

*"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness..."*

II Corinthians 12:9

It is with heavy hearts that we heard of the passing of Bishop Marvin C. Pryor. We, the Publishing Board of the Church Of God In Christ, have lost a member and brother in Christ who was devoted to the labor and ministry of the Church. Bishop Marvin Pryor was known over the length and breadth of the Church Of God In Christ as a man of grace, dynamic energy, and one shaped in the apostleship of Paul. He had impeccable character and was selected to serve in the upgrading of Publishing Board ministries. He demonstrated those qualities throughout the many years of service he gave to his local church, Victorious Believers Church Of God In Christ, and the Michigan Southwest Third Jurisdiction. Our spirits are saddened by his home going and we can only imagine the loss suffered by his devoted wife, Mrs. Ruth Pryor, and their three children.

Whereas, Bishop Marvin Pryor was a stalwart servant who used his ingenuity, administrative skill and industry to serve as a member of the Church Of God In Christ Publishing Board and the Church in general, we offer this tribute to his memory. Those who did not know him personally can only speculate about what good things he would have done for the Publishing ministry. The curriculum design and business plan and all other activities are being carried on by those who remain, but we yet feel the loss of his insightful and practical contributions.

Generations to come will appreciate what Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and the General Board did by bringing this gifted and energetic man to the Publishing Board ministry. Bishop Pryor was just beginning to play his important role. Chairman Attorney John Daniels knew that Bishop Pryor's linkage to the

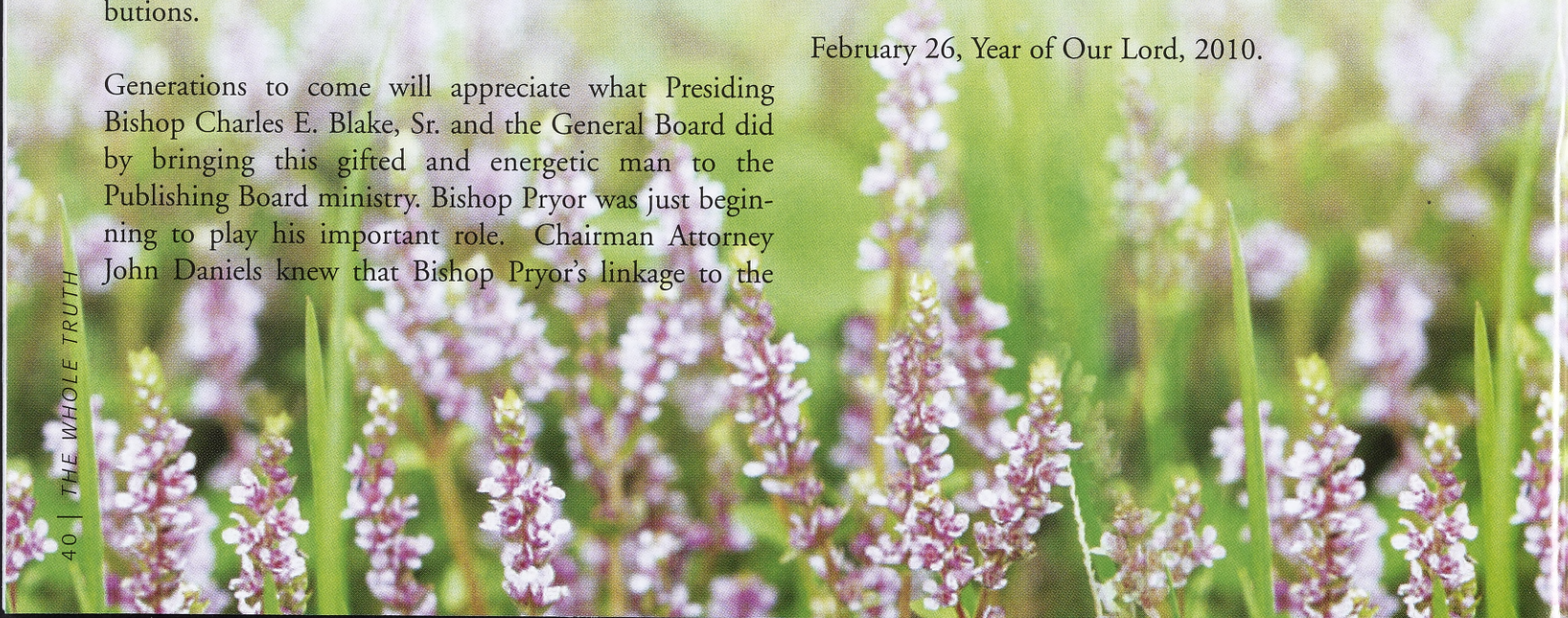
Board of Bishops would have provided helpful and important contact with that college of leaders. Bishop Pryor was ready to move forward; however, God, who determines the length of our days, deemed it necessary for him to leave us. In memory of what he accomplished and the spirit in which he did them, the Publishing Board will gather strength to carry on.

Finally, only time can heal this sudden loss within the ranks of the Publishing Board ministry. Alas, it is our goal to speak words of condolence, but also encourage you to know our brother, Bishop Marvin Pryor, now rest with God and his record of accomplishments is on high. We therefore submit to the will of God and say to Mrs. Ruth Pryor, "His grace is sufficient for thee."

Sincerely,

Dr. David Allen Hall, Sr., CEO - COGIC Publishing House, Attorney John Daniels - Chairman COGIC Publishing Board, Diana C. Banks, Vicki M. Brown, Joe Chase, Jr., B. L. Cleveland, Bishop Charles Connor, Uleses Henderson, Esq., Sandra Smith Jones, Welton Lawrence, Mack C. Mason, Oscar Meadows, Winifred Morris, Ron Owens, Stephen Savage, Eric Slack, Esq., Amos Smith, Esq., Bishop Ted Thomas, Lisa Townsel, Reggie Witherspoon: Members.

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Dear Presiding Bishop,

Greetings in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am sending a picture to show you of the latest development of the church construction at Chinnadharapuram. As you are already aware of, the 11th Convocation of the COGIC India III is going to be held from March 11 to 14, 2010. Kindly pray for these meetings. I am sending the flyer of the Convocation to you as an attachment.

I am also sending the proposed budget of the Convocation as an attachment. We provide accommodation and food for 300 delegates who will attend from different parts of our country. We raise about half of the amount from the Jurisdiction. But for the remaining we pray and God provides through different well wishers. For the past two years the Mission Department was bearing half of the expenditure through Bishop Michael Cole. But this year they could not help because of the Haiti disaster.

We request your kind prayer in this regard that God will provide the needs. My wife Serena joins with me in greeting you and the First Lady Mother Blake.

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### Budget for The 11th Convocation of COGIC India III

Sl. No	Particulars	Expense in Indian Rupees	Expense in US Dollars
1	Food Expenses for 3 days (300 delegates)	1,35,000	2950
2	Accommodation for 3 days (300 delegates)	1,80,000	3950
3	Travel Allowance for 60 pastors	72,000	1600
4	PA System	20,000	450
5	Advertisements	20,000	450
6	Overhead Expense	15,000	330
TOTAL		4,42,000	9730

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSE	=	9730 USD
AMOUNT THAT COULD BE RAISED BY THE JURISDICTION (Collected from churches, Pastors and through Registration fee)	=	4950 USD
BALANCE NEED	=	4780 USD



A PRAYER BY  
*Bishop Charles Harrison Mason*

India Jurisdiction Page



*Jesus, everyday, the word of Him calling,  
 the gift of God working, everywhere He's calling  
 giving us to come and see the word  
 of His wonders here with these.*

*Heal the sick ones and give these saying Yes, to God.  
 I will Lord, I will Lord, I will glorify your name,  
 I, will say I will.*

*The mind of God in Christ,  
 the Word of God in Christ,  
 the wisdom of God In Christ  
 confirming His Word here.*

*Woman, Jesus deliver you, cast the devil out!  
 Heal the sick everywhere.  
 Heal here, heal everywhere.  
 Heal! Heal today!*

*The Word of your wonder, heal!  
 The Word of your will, heal!*

*The gift of your name cast out devils.*

*The everywhere of God!  
 The wonder of Him here today.*

*Jesus here and everywhere!*

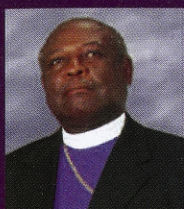




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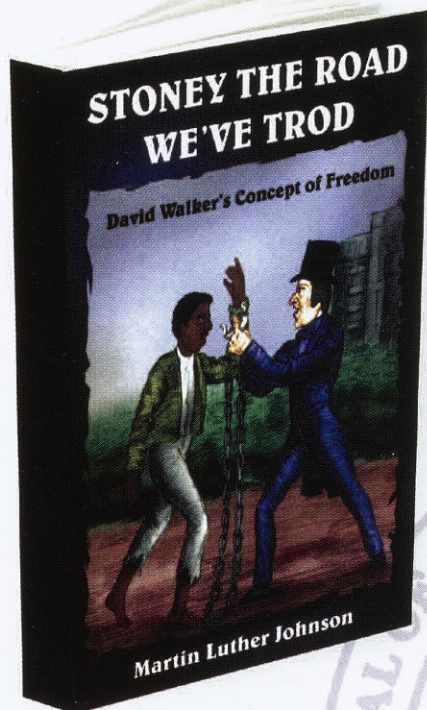
The kindly Old "Grandfather of Haiti" - Bishop Lopez Dautruche is leading COGIC Haiti through a difficult period.





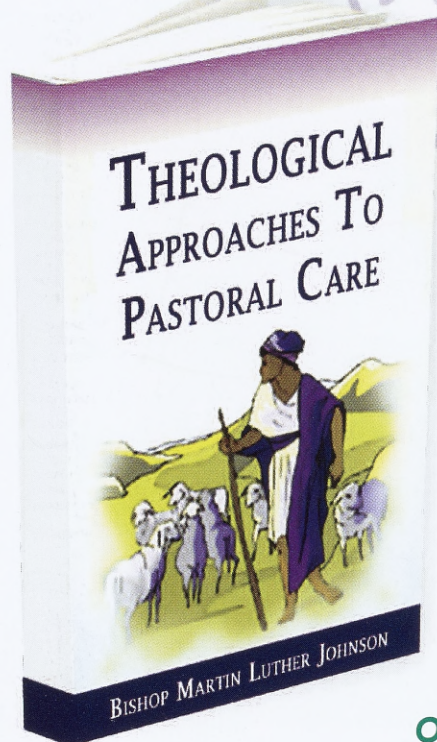
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